Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Copra from Ceylon was imported into Cochin for the first time in 1932-33, when 4,730 tons of it were let in. Statistics regarding cocoanut oil are not available.

(b) The rates of duty on copra were :—

(i) 20 per cent *ad valorem* in 1931 when the tariff value was fixed at Rs. 16 per cwt.

(ii) 25 per cent *ad valorem* in 1932 when the tariff value was fixed at Rs. 11—12—0 per cwt.

(iii) 30 per cent, standard and 20 percent preferential, in 1933, when the tariff value was fixed at Rs. 10 per cwt.

No further information is available.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Why was the Tariff value lowered?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is not our concern.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Does it not affect our interests also in lowering the Tariff value?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—In a way it may affect.

Mr. Paul Mampilli—Did not the British Government consult Cochin Government in reducing the Tariff value?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli—Have we not a right to be consulted when Tariff value of cocoanut is reduced?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did you make any representation on the reduction of Tariff value?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not necessary nor is it possible to make such representations.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Why is it not possible?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not absolutely within the powers of the respective Governments.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With regard to sub-division (3) it is stated '30 per cent standard and 20 per cent preferential'. Is it not the preferential rate that is levied on Ceylon copra?

M. P. Cherian.—Yes. It is the preferential rate.

Pay of certain officers.

286. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the pay of the officers of other departments such as Education, Accounts and Finance, were revised ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, when ;

(c) the reason for the same ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The general revision was with effect from 1st Chingam 1105. The pay of some posts in the Education Department was further revised subsequently.

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(c) On the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee which was discussed in Council.

Pay—D. S. P's—enhancement of.

287. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be plessed to state—

(a) whether there were representations in this Council during the last Budget Session and before to enhance the pay and status of the District Superintendents of Police ; and the reply, if any, given by the Government in this matter ;

(b) the further action if any taken by the Government ;

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes, the reply given was that the question will be considered along with the question of delegation of more powers to the District Superintendent of Police.

(2) Better financial times are awaited.

Police officers—T. A. and D. A.

288. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the scale of T. A. and daily allowance given to the District Superintendent of Police, Inspectors, Head constables, and constables of the Police Department.

(b) the scale which had been prevailing before 1107 M. E?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) and (b) A statement showing the details is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know what a peon of the High School at Trippunittura will get if he travels to Ernakulam ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think the peon will get bus charge plus daily allowance.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any reason why a Police constable should not be given the same allowance ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Different rules have to be applied to different officers.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any reason underlying these principles.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think there are. With regard to Police constables they have to travel a great deal within their jurisdiction and if they are allowed T. A. the amount will go up.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How can a Police Officer who naturally has got a very good appetite being a healthy person manage with 4 annas a day ? Kindly tell me.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is not confined to a Police constables alone. This is the case with Excise peons etc.

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